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# A Brief Sketch.

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At the close of the last session the attention of the members of the Association was called to the fact, that fifty years had elapsed since its organization. A committee was appointed to examine the records and to <sup>collect</sup> ~~call~~ from them such information as would be of interest to its members and friends, and to give, as far as practicable, a list of all who have been and are now members.

The Association owes its origin to Mary Knight, a highly esteemed member of the Society of Friends. Through her husband, Dr. Knight, whose profession had made him familiar with the suffering among the deserving poor, her attention was turned to their needs and in order to work effectively for these, she interested several of her personal friends, who were glad to join her in her efforts to relieve this class.

The first stated meeting was held in the school room adjoining the Friends' Meeting House on Cherry Street, below Fifth, on the fifteenth day of the Eleventh month, 1828.

The present title, "The Female Association of Philadelphia for the Relief of the Sick and Infirm Poor with Clothing, &c.," was adopted. Arrangements were made for the purchase of a small quantity of goods, and it was decided to meet weekly during the winter to make up garments, which when made should be distributed to such persons as had been visited and found to be worthy recipients. These meetings were eminently social in their character.

In the year 1830 the great need of fuel induced the members to enlist some of their men friends to assist in this branch of their work. These cordially responded; this was the origin of the "Friends' Charity Fuel Association."

In 1836 it was deemed expedient that the Association should be incorporated, that in future there might be no difficulty in securing legacies. An Act of Incorporation was obtained the following year and the present Constitution adopted.

The good accomplished by this society had become so evident that many were desirous to join it. The number of members, however, being limited and the list being full, such were induced to form another Association, somewhat different in its character, however; a few of the members co-operated with them and from this movement originated "The Northern Association for the Relief and Employment of Poor Women," at No. 702 Green Street.

In 1844 the advantage of furnishing employment to the poor at their own homes was considered and it was decided to give the sewing to them. The annual subscription of the members was now increased in order to meet the extra expense of making the garments, which up to this time had been done by the members at the meetings. The pleasant, free intercourse, heretofore enjoyed by them when their fingers were busily employed, now gave place to more business-like gatherings.

In 1857 the place of meeting was removed to Friends' School House at Fifteenth and Race Streets. Some of the members, finding the distance too great from their homes, organized an Association similar to this under the name of "The Central Employment Association," which now meets at the school house connected with Green Street Meeting.

It is gratifying to be able to state that during this long period, interest in the Association has never abated. The list of membership has

always been full and on it are now the names of the children and grand-children of many of the faithful workers of the early days.

From its first establishment it received the sympathy and aid of many of the prominent merchants of the city, who in addition to donations in money sent goods of every description.

Whilst it would be impracticable to give the names of all who have contributed to its funds, it is proper to mention those who for a *series* of years have aided by their money and influence.

This Sketch would be incomplete without the names of those whose invested bequests and donations increase the income derived from the annual subscriptions, viz. : Hannah Parke, Josiah Dawson, Joseph D. Brown, Sarah W. Barker, Susanna Morris, Hannah M. Peterson, Jesse George, Mary D. Brown, I. V. Williamson.

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## LIST OF MEMBERS

FROM 1828 TO 1879.

1828.

\*Mary Knight,  
 \*Tacy Ashbridge,  
 †Ann Tucker,  
 \*Sarah Dorsey,  
 \*Elizabeth A. Thomas,  
 †Sarah J. Leedom,  
 \*Mary Ann Haydock,  
 †Patience Haydock,  
 †Lydia Thomas,  
 †Mary Robinson,  
 †Elizabeth Widdifield,  
 \*Eleanor Widdifield,  
 †Theodosia Tucker, Jr.,  
 †Ann Tucker, Jr.,  
 †Mary B. Thomas,  
 †Catharine Robinson,  
 †Hannah T. Richards,  
 †Elizabeth Fawcett,  
 \*Lydia W. Price,  
 †Susanna Maxfield,  
 \*Rachel Johnson,  
 \*Mary Williams,  
 †Elizabeth Hunt,  
 †Mary Sleeper,  
 †Sarah B. Foster,  
 †Elizabeth Chandler,  
 †Hetty Truett,  
 †Isabella Fawcett,  
 †Mary Tucker,  
 †Lydia Atherton,  
 †Elizabeth W. Longstreth,  
 †Lydia Newbold,  
 †Isabella Williams,  
 †Hannah Townsend,  
 †Rebecca Shreeve,  
 \*Esther F. Longstreth,  
 †Martha H. Sleeper,  
 †Priscilla Ballanger,  
 †Hannah M. Garrigues.

1829.

†Abigail Hopper,  
 †Elizabeth Knight,

\*Deceased.

\*Hannah Miller,  
 †Hannah Penrose,  
 †Ann Bunting,  
 †Emmeline Trotter,  
 †Lydia Cook,  
 \*Mary Dorsey,  
 \*Ann H. Williams.

1830.

\*Rachel S. Evans,  
 †Esther Moore,  
 †Abigail Middleton,  
 \*Tabitha Turnpenny,  
 †Priscilla Parry,  
 †Hannah Zell,  
 †Mary S. Crim,  
 †Mary Alsop,  
 \*Ann Master,  
 †Isabella Johnson,  
 †Ruth Anna Wayne,  
 †Elizabeth Maule.

1831.

†Hannah Cresson,  
 †Margery M. Hopper,  
 †Martha Stackhouse,  
 \*Susan Parrish,  
 †Hannah Townsend,  
 †Abigail Hutchinson,  
 †Mary Ann Evans,  
 †Mary Shoemaker,  
 †Mary Jeanes,  
 †Ann W. Thomas.

1834.

\*Rebecca Reynolds,  
 †Sarah R. Longstreth,  
 \*Mary Shaw,  
 \*Esther Fisher,  
   Sarah Parrish,  
 †Hannah Wharton,  
 †Jane Thomas,  
 †Maria Mott,  
 Helen G. Longstreth,

†Resigned.

†Ellen Thomas,  
 \*Sarah H. Betts,  
 †Rebecca P. Wayne.

1835.

†Martha Jones,  
 \*Sarah B. Corbit,  
 †Rebecca J. Edwards,  
 †Phoebe W. Thomas,  
 †Ann Moore,  
 †Ann Eliza Cook,  
 †Hannah Williams, Jr.,  
 †Elizabeth W. Miller,  
 †Elizabeth Justice,  
 †Elizabeth T. Bunting,  
 Annabella Williams.

1836.

†Beulah Lower,  
 †Hannah Lippincott,  
 †Jane M. Zell,  
 \*Elizabeth M. Perot,  
 †Catharine M. Haven,  
 \*Mary L. Martin,  
 †Esther S. Justice,  
 †Mary M. Tyson,  
 \*Theresa J. Kimber,

1837.

†Susan M. Walton,  
 Catharine H. Truman,  
 †Sarah McClintock,  
 †Susan Haydock,  
 †Eliza Newall,  
 Sarah S. Tyson,  
 †Priscilla Leedom,  
 \*Rebecca Tucker,  
 †Hannah L. Oakford,  
 †Rebecca S. Oakford,  
 †Hannah Ann Zell,  
 †Prudence Haven,  
 †Martha Shoemaker,  
 †Sarah Pearson,  
 †Deborah Phipps,  
 †Mary L. Rowland.

1838.

†Abigail Hutchinson,  
 †Elizabeth Garrigues,  
 †Sarah Edson.

1839.

†Hannah Thomas,  
 †Jane Thomas,  
 Ann H. Wood,  
 \*Elizabeth White,  
 Rachel M. Biddle.

† Mary J. Claff. \*Deceased.

1840.

†Mary S. Corlies,  
 †Hannah P. Hallowell,  
 †Elizabeth White,  
 †Rebecca P. Knight,  
 †Emma Parker,  
 †Sarah Wharton.

1841.

Anne Biddle,  
 †Maria M. Davis,  
 †Rebecca B. Neall,  
 †Anna M. Walton.

1842.

†Mary M. Truman,  
 †Amanda E. Hallowell,  
 †Anne B. Wickersham,  
 Sarah K. Gillingham,  
 Anne M. Needles,  
 Anna M. Biddle,  
 †Caroline French.

1843.

\*Sarah Ann Hallowell,  
 †Margery Rowlet,  
 †Caroline R. Corbit,  
 †Sarah G. Rich,  
 †Naomi P. Bonsall,  
 †Anna T. Jeanes,  
 †Susan W. Shaw,  
 †Emma Ridgway.

1844.

†Mary Mitchell,  
 †Elizabeth Konigmacker,  
 †Harriet Jones,  
 \*Elizabeth A. Bunting,  
 †Anna R. Miller,  
 Mary A. Wright,  
 \*Anna M. Hopper,  
 †Elizabeth Zane,  
 †Ellen Zane,  
 †Anna C. Price,  
 †Elizabeth Longstreth.

1845.

†Emma Corbit,  
 \*Elizabeth W. Abbott,  
 †Anna K. Massey,  
 \*Ann Eliza Harris,  
 †Sidney E. Longstreth,  
 †Emily A. Winslow.

1846.

†Marianna P. Mott,  
 †Elizabeth M. Cavender,  
 Elizabeth Jenkins.

†Resigned.

1848.

†Eliza Barnes,  
†Hannah W. Steel.

1851.

\*Hannah J. Jenkins.

1852.

\*Anna Wharton,  
†Hetty F. Wharton,  
†Caroline R. Perot,  
†Emma C. Ogden,  
\*Mary H. Middleton,  
†Elizabeth Woolman,  
†Louisa Evans,  
\*Mary J. Lukens,  
†Josephine C. Miller,  
Rebecca T. Price,  
Mary H. Shoemaker,  
†Eliza M. Needles,  
†Martha P. Williams,  
†Josephine Penrose,  
†Martha Mott.

1853.

†Mary E. Williams,  
†Rebecca J. Hough,  
†Phebe A. Hough.

1854.

†Margaret A. Griscom,  
Rachel H. Boldin,  
Hannah N. Ellison,  
†Caroline J. Letchworth,  
\*Hannah B. Chesley,  
†Rebecca M. Rowland,  
†Mary Wilson,  
†Sarah A. Longstreth.

1855.

\*Sarah W. Barker,  
†Fanny R. Hollingsworth,  
Sallie M. Ogden,  
†Hetty L. Parrish,  
†Mary L. Wharton,  
†Anna R. Eyre,  
†Harriet E. Stockly.

1856.

Margaret S. Price,  
†Catharine H. Middleton.

1857.

Elizabeth Dorsey,  
†Elizabeth Lea.

1858.

Ellen M. Child,  
\*Margaret S. Parrish,

\*Deceased.

†Susan D. Wharton,  
Annie Caley.

1859.

Hannah Lippincott,  
Sidney E. Longstreth,  
†Kate H. Truman,  
†Beulah P. Townsend.

1860.

†Lydia C. Biddle.

1861.

Martha P. Stotesbury.

1862.

\*Elizabeth H. Roberts.

1864.

†Anna P. Hallowell,  
†Helen Biddle,  
Fanny H. Stotesbury,  
Mary T. Ellicott,  
†Rebecca M. Ellicott.

1865.

Deborah F. Wharton,  
Lydia E. Turnpenny,  
Hannah E. Gilpin,  
Lydia W. Evans.

1866.

Rebecca C. Perot,  
†Anne S. Clothier,  
†Rebecca S. White.

1867.

†Anna Kaighn,  
Sallie C. Kaighn,  
†Ellen B. Townsend,  
†Anna H. Parrish,  
Margaret Evans.

1868.

Emmeline L. Moore.

1870.

Mary P. Watson,  
Catharine H. Middleton.

1871.

\*Hetty W. Thurston,  
Anna T. Laing,  
Augusta Taber,  
Patience H. Jenkins,  
Fanny M. Sharpless,  
\*Emily B. Longstreth.

†Resigned.

1872.

Elizabeth Martin,  
Susan W. Shaw,  
Mary M. Truman.

1873.

Susan A. Spackman.

1874.

Edith B. Needles,  
Annie Cooper.

1875.

Martha A. Moore,  
Deborah A. Wood,  
†Lydia W. Parrish.

†Resigned.

1876.

Margaret A. Griscom,  
Lizzie M. Ogden.

1878.

Rachel S. Parry,  
Maria Hopper.

1879.

Cornelia J. Needles,  
Mary C. Janney,  
Harriet M. Ogden,  
Mary Parrish,  
Hetty L. Parrish,  
Susan W. Scull.

# OFFICERS

FROM 1828 TO 1879.

## PRESIDENTS.

|                         | ELECTED |                             | ELECTED |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Rebecca Reynolds, . . . | 1836    | Elizabeth A. Bunting, . . . | 1861    |
| Hannah Miller, . . .    | 1839    | Helen G. Longstreth, . . .  | 1865    |
| Rachel J. Field, . . .  | 1842    | Anne M. Needles, . . .      | 1870    |
| Hannah Miller, . . .    | 1843    |                             |         |

## SECRETARIES.

|                             |      |                            |      |
|-----------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|
| Catharine Robinson, . . .   | 1828 | Rachel S. Evans, . . .     | 1846 |
| Elizabeth A. Thomas, . . .  | 1830 | Anne Biddle, . . .         | 1849 |
| Susanna Maxfield, . . .     | 1831 | Anna Wharton, . . .        | 1854 |
| Isabella Johnson, . . .     | 1834 | Helen G. Longstreth, . . . | 1858 |
| Lydia Thomas, . . .         | 1836 | Anne Caley, . . .          | 1865 |
| Susanna Maxfield, . . .     | 1837 | Anne Biddle, . . .         | 1869 |
| Lydia Newbold, . . .        | 1839 | Harriet E. Stockly, . . .  | 1870 |
| Theresa K. Hallowell, . . . | 1841 | Rachel M. Biddle, . . .    | 1871 |
| Rachel S. Evans, . . .      | 1842 | Patience J. Needles, . . . | 1874 |
| Sarah S. Tyson, . . .       | 1843 |                            |      |

## TREASURERS.

|                        |      |                                 |      |
|------------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|
| Mary Knight, . . .     | 1828 | Sarah B. Corbit, . . .          | 1842 |
| Lydia W. Price, . . .  | 1830 | Elizabeth Jenkins Ferris, . . . | 1848 |
| Susan M. Walton, . . . | 1841 |                                 |      |

# OFFICERS.

1879.

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PRESIDENT,

ANNE M. NEEDLES,

*No. 152 North Twelfth Street.*

SECRETARY,

PATIENCE J. NEEDLES,

*No. 1501 Green Street.*

TREASURER,

ELIZABETH J. FERRIS,

*No. 937 Franklin Street.*

## LIST OF MEMBERS.

1879.

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|                                    |                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Helen G. Longstreth, . . . \$2 00  | Sarah Parrish, . . . \$2 00     |
| Elizabeth W. Parrish, . . . 2 00   | Annabella W. Lloyd, . . . 2 00  |
| Catharine H. Truman, . . . 2 00    | Sarah S. Biddle, . . . 2 00     |
| Rachel M. Biddle, . . . 2 00       | Ann H. Wood, . . . 5 00         |
| Anne M. Needles, . . . 2 00        | Anne Biddle, . . . 2 00         |
| Elizabeth J. Ferris, . . . 2 00    | Sarah K. Gillingham, . . . 2 00 |
| Mary H. Shoemaker, . . . 2 00      | Anna M. Biddle, . . . 2 00      |
| Rachel H. Boldin, . . . 2 00       | Mary A. Wright, . . . 2 00      |
| Sallie M. Ogden, . . . 5 00        | Rebecca P. Hunt, . . . 2 00     |
| Elizabeth Dorsey, . . . 2 00       | Hannah N. Ellison, . . . 2 00   |
| Annie Caley, . . . 2 00            | Margaret S. Price, . . . 2 00   |
| Sidney E. Longstreth, . . . 2 00   | Ellen M. Child, . . . 2 00      |
| Martha P. Stotesbury, . . . 2 00   | Hannah Lippincott, . . . 2 00   |
| Fanny S. Williams, . . . 2 00      | Mary T. Ellicott, . . . 2 00    |
| Deborah F. Wharton, . . . 10 00    | Hannah E. Gilpin, . . . 2 00    |
| Lydia E. Turnpenney, . . . 2 00    | Rebecca C. Perot, . . . 2 00    |
| Lydia W. Evans, . . . 2 00         | Sarah C. Kaighn, . . . 2 00     |
| Emeline L. Moore, . . . 2 00       | Margaret Evans, . . . 2 00      |
| Catharine H. Middleton, . . . 2 00 | Mary P. Watson, . . . 2 00      |
| Anna T. Laing, . . . 2 00          | Augusta Taber, . . . 2 00       |
| Patience J. Needles, . . . 2 00    | Fanny M. Sharpless, . . . 2 00  |
| Elizabeth Martin, . . . 2 00       | Susan W. Shaw, . . . 2 00       |
| Mary M. Truman, . . . 2 00         | Susan A. Spackman, . . . 2 00   |
| Edith B. Needles, . . . 2 00       | Annie Cooper, . . . 2 00        |
| Martha M. Fogg, . . . 2 00         | Deborah A. Wood, . . . 2 00     |
| Margaret A. Griscom, . . . 2 00    | Lizzie M. Ellison, . . . 2 00   |
| Rachel S. Parry, . . . 2 00        | Maria Hopper, . . . 2 00        |
| Cornelia J. Needles, . . . 2 00    | Mary C. Janney, . . . 2 00      |
| Harriet M. Ogden, . . . 2 00       | Mary Parrish, . . . 2 00        |
| Hetty L. Parrish, . . . 2 00       | Susan C. Scull, . . . 2 00      |

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

1879.

|                          |         |                          |        |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--------|
| Wm. C. and R. M. Biddle, | \$10 00 | Lucretia Mott,           | \$5 00 |
| Robert Biddle,           | 5 00    | M. A. Marshall,          | 2 00   |
| Joel J. Baily,           | 5 00    | J. C. Miller,            | 2 00   |
| Susan L. Baily,          | 5 00    | John McKeown,            | 2 00   |
| Mordecai Buzby,          | 2 50    | Jacob Naylor,            | 5 00   |
| George W. Childs,        | 50 00   | Eliza M. Needles,        | 2 00   |
| Sarah F. Corlies,        | 10 00   | Edward H. Ogden,         | 5 00   |
| Nathan T. Clapp,         | 5 00    | Jacob Orie,              | 2 00   |
| Jno. W. Chesnut,         | 5 00    | Charles W. Poultney,     | 10 00  |
| Robinson Coale,          | 2 00    | Francis Perot,           | 5 00   |
| A. J. Drexel,            | 25 00   | T. Morris Perot,         | 5 00   |
| T. B. Dixey,             | 10 00   | Dillwyn Parrish,         | 5 00   |
| Jane P. Downing,         | 5 00    | Susan M. Parrish,        | 5 00   |
| J. B. Ellison & Sons,    | 25 00   | Lydia L. Price,          | 5 00   |
| Mrs. J. B. Ellison,      | 10 00   | Sarah L. Parrish,        | 1 00   |
| James P. Evans,          | 5 00    | Thomas Ridgway,          | 5 00   |
| Mary R. Fox,             | 10 00   | J. G. Rouse & Co.,       | 5 00   |
| Anna J. Ferris,          | 1 00    | A. C. Roberts,           | 5 00   |
| F. Gutekunst,            | 5 00    | Anna P. Richardson,      | 2 00   |
| Fanny C. Griscom,        | 2 00    | William Sellers,         | 25 00  |
| Jane P. Grahame,         | 1 00    | Hannah W. Sterling,      | 5 00   |
| Dr. Charles E. Hopkins,  | 5 00    | Dr. J. T. Sharpless,     | 5 00   |
| Samuel Jeanes,           | 20 00   | Lydia A. Sharpless,      | 5 00   |
| Joseph Jeanes,           | 20 00   | Charles L. Sharpless,    | 5 00   |
| Joshua T. Jeanes,        | 20 00   | E. F. Smyth,             | 5 00   |
| Anna T. Jeanes,          | 10 00   | N. H. Sharpless,         | 5 00   |
| Mary Jeanes,             | 5 00    | William C. Smyth,        | 5 00   |
| E. K. Janney,            | 5 00    | S. J. Sharpless,         | 2 00   |
| Martha L. Jones,         | 3 00    | Joseph C. Turnpenny,     | 10 00  |
| Isabella J. Lippincott,  | 20 00   | H. W. Thurston's Estate, | 5 00   |
| Henry M. Laing,          | 5 00    | George Taber,            | 5 00   |
| Anna P. Little,          | 5 00    | Alan Wood,               | 10 00  |
| Enoch Lewis,             | 5 00    | Abigail White,           | 2 00   |
| Henry H. Lippincott,     | 5 00    | Emma W. Watkin,          | 1 00   |